Advanced Authoring Format (AAF)
Developer's Tutorial and Executive Summary
February 25-26, 2002

AAF Technical Exchange Meeting (TEM)
February 27, 2002

MISB Announcement

The Advanced Authoring Format (AAF) standard has been discussed at past Motion Imagery Standards Board (MISB) meetings as a promising candidate for the encapsulation of motion imagery and other multimedia information in exploitation and archive/retrieval applications - the Motion Imagery file format of the future. In MISP 2.0, the MISB agreed to allow (but not yet mandate) use of AAF in developmental applications. After almost four years of development and numerous "best of show" awards in the commercial sector, a comprehensive AAF Software Development Kit (SDK) is now publicly available, and multiple world-wide vendors are incorporating AAF into their products. Based on its demonstrated commercial success thus far, the MISB staff anticipates recommending to the full MISB membership adoption of AAF as the official mandated Motion Imagery file interchange standard for DoD/IC/USIGS applications. The formal MISB meeting to consider adoption of AAF will be later in CY2002.

To help MISB participants better understand AAF capabilities and to form a knowledge-basis for any future system developments, a two-day in-depth AAF Developer's Tutorial has been scheduled for February 25-26, 2002 in McLean, VA. The tutorial will be taught by the AAF Association Developer (Jim Trainor) and is jointly sponsored by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA - an AAF Association Founding Member) and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Registration fee is $500 for AAF Association members and $600 for non-members.

A parallel 1/2 day AAF Executive Overview for program managers, systems analysts, and systems engineers will be offered the morning of February 25th. There is no fee for the Executive Overview.

On the morning of February 27th, following the 2-day session, the MIPO will host a 1/2 day Technical Exchange Meeting (TEM) to discuss the applicability of AAF to DoD motion imagery systems and will present the status of the MIPO's plans to integrate AAF into NIMA Image Product Libraries (IPL). The TEM will be limited to Government employees and sponsored contractors. More information on the TEM can be found at the MISB Web site http://ismc.nima.mil/vwg .

Attendance at either the AAF Tutorial or the Executive Overview requires advance registration at http://www.aafassociation.org .

Recipients are encouraged to send at least one developer representative to the AAF Developer's Tutorial and as many others to the Executive Overview as possible. The emerging AAF format will be an important factor in future motion imagery systems that we must all become familiar with. I hope you can attend.

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